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--Detailed Description of the Invention--.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [Coextrusion] ~~A coextrusion~~ binder comprising:

- 5 to 30 parts of a polymer (A)[, itself] comprising a blend of a polyethylene (A1) of relative density between 0.935 and 0.980 and of a polymer (A2) [chosen from] selected from the group consisting of elastomers, very low-density polyethylenes and ethylene copolymers, the (A1) + (A2) blend being cografted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid;
- 95 to 70 parts of a polyethylene (B) of relative density between 0.930 and 0.950;
- the blend of (A) and (B) [being such that] having:
- [its] a relative density [is] between 0.930 and 0.950,
- [the] a content of grafted unsaturated carboxylic acid [is] of between 30 and 10,000 ppm, and
- [the] an MFI (melt flow index) measured according to ASTM D 1238 at 190°C/21.6 kg [is] of between 5 and 100.

Claim 2, Line 1: Delete "Binder" and insert --A binder--.

3. (Amended) [Multilayer] ~~A multilayer~~ structure comprising a layer comprising the binder of [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 [and], directly attached to [the latter] said binder, a layer (E) selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen-containing or oxygen-containing polar resin, [such as] a layer of polyamide resin, a layer of an aliphatic polyketone, a layer of a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (EVOH), [or] a layer of a polyester resin, [or else] and a metal layer.

Claim 4, Line 1: Delete "Structure" and insert --A structure--.

Line 2: Delete "a layer of a resin chosen".

Line 3: Delete "from the resins of the" and insert --a--; delete "or a metal layer".